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We claim:

- 1. A biocompatible wound dressing, comprising:
 - a biocompatible pad shaped to conform to a wound site;
 - an air-tight seal removably adhered to said pad; and
- 5 a negative pressure source in fluid communication with said pad.
 - 2. The biocompatible wound dressing of claim 1 wherein said biocompatible pad is comprised of an ultra-low density fused-fibrous ceramic.
 - 3. The biocompatible wound dressing of claim 2 further comprising an open-cell reticulated porous foam adhered to non-wound contacting surfaces of said ceramic.
- 4. The biocompatible wound dressing of claim 3 wherein said foam is removable from said ceramic.
 - 5. The biocompatible wound dressing of claim 1 further comprising a flexible tube communicating between said pad and said negative pressure source.
 - 6. The biocompatible wound dressing of claim 5 further comprising a removable canister in fluid communication between said pad and said negative pressure source.
 - 7. A biocompatible wound dressing, comprising:
 - an ultra-low density fused-fibrous ceramic shaped to conform to a wound site; an air-tight seal removably adhered to said ceramic; and a negative pressure source in fluid communication with said ceramic.
- 8. The biocompatible wound dressing of claim 7 further comprising a flexible tube communicating between said pad and said negative pressure source.
 - 9. The biocompatible wound dressing of claim 8 further comprising a removable canister in fluid communication between said pad and said negative pressure source.

- 10. A biocompatible wound dressing, comprising:
 - a pad shaped to conform to a wound site, comprised of bioabsorbable branched polymers; an air-tight seal removably adhered to said pad;
 - a negative pressure source in fluid communication with said pad.
- 5 11. The biocompatible wound dressing of claim 10, further comprising a flexible tube communicating between said pad and said negative pressure source.
 - 12. The biocompatible wound dressing of claim 11 further comprising a removable canister in fluid communication between said pad and said negative pressure source.
 - 13. A biocompatible wound dressing, comprising:
- a pad comprised of a cell-growth enhancing matrix, shaped to conform to a wound site; an airtight seal removably adhered to said pad; and a negative pressure source in fluid communication with said pad.
 - 14. The biocompatible wound dressing of claim 13, further comprising a flexible tube communicating between said pad and said negative pressure source.
- 15. The biocompatible wound dressing of claim 14 further comprising a removable canister in fluid communication between said pad and said negative pressure source.